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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau--December 1985

I. GENERAL

The bureau enjoyed a relatively quiet holiday season this year, with no major developments to report. Several bureau employees were able to join their embassy colleagues for a Christmas party held on the embassy lawn on the 24th. The bureau chief and family spent the week leading up to Christmas on a tour of India. The trip culminated in "white Christmas" with a vengeance when they were snowbound at Srinagar, the capital of the northern state of Kashmir, for 5 days of unplanned additional leave.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

At the request of Nicosia Bureau, on 24 December Gulf assumed daily coverage (including wirefiling of program summaries) of Moscow in Persian to Iran. The backstop will last until 20 January during their Persian monitor's leave.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

Gulf Bureau's alternate land line communications circuit via the Naval Administrative Support Unit, which was installed earlier this year, was put to its first operational test early this month when TCU experienced a major equipment breakdown. Overall, the system functioned as expected, with a few bugs being worked out and procedures firmed up. The support provided by the Navy's communications center from 4-8 December enabled bureau operations to continue near normal, thus avoiding excessive delays in traffic movement and backlogs. A letter of appreciation was sent to the Administrative Support Unit's commanding officer and the communications unit.

C. TECHNICAL

Authority to purchase a new emergency generator for the bureau to replace the existing unit was received during the month. A Caterpillar model 3208 generator set has been selected, and the new machine should be available for delivery by mid-January.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. A firm offer of employment was made to an Arabic monitor candidate referred to the bureau by BBC and tested and interviewed at PMU earlier in the year. A response to the offer is still pending. If accepted, the candidate will replace Arabic/Kurdish monitor [redacted] who has given notice.

2. Deputy chief [redacted] was promoted to GS-13 effective 8 December.

3. Bureau engineer [redacted] departed on 12 December for emergency visitation travel to CONUS, accompanied by his wife

4. The wife and daughter of Arabic monitor [redacted] arrived in Bahrain on 25 December to reside with him. The family has lived on the West Bank for the past two and a half years.

5. Communications supervisor [redacted] was promoted to
FBN-6/5 effective 5 January.

B. Building and Grounds

Construction of partitioning walls enclosing the new generator and storage space on the ground floor of the [redacted] Building was completed at mid-month, and the bureau has taken possession of the space.

IV. VISITS

To the Bureau

1. Deputy Chief of Operations Group 13-15 December.

2. Embassy PAO Anne O'Leary, 9 December, for an orientation tour and discussion of USIS/FBIS cooperation.

Chief, Gulf Bureau

ATT: Monthly Production Report

GULF BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT
FOR DECEMBER 1985**I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:**

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	321,110	
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	118,360	
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH	:	859	
	BROAD	PRESS	PUBLI-
	CASTS	AGENCIES	CATIONS

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	15,794	13,740	191.5
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)			

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

AFGHANISTAN

KABUL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	-0-
IN ARABIC	
KABUL IN ENGLISH TO	
SOUTH ASIA	930

BAHRAIN

MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	-0-
ARABIC	
MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE	-0-
IN ENGLISH	
MANAMA TELEVISION SERVICE	-0-
IN ARABIC	
MANAMA WAKH IN	
ARABIC	21,380
MANAMA WAKH IN	
ENGLISH	11,360
MANAMA AKHBAR AL-KHALIJ	
IN ARABIC	950
MANAMA AL-ADWA' IN	
ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA AL-MAWAQIF	
IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA SADA AL-USBU'	
IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA GULF DAILY NEWS	
IN ENGLISH	1,430
MANAMA GULF MIRROR IN	
ENGLISH	-0-

CLANDESTINE

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC	
REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN	
IN DARI	250
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC	
REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN	
IN PASHTO	600
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF AL-AHVAZ	
REVOLUTION IN ARABIC	-0-

(CLANDESTINE) FREE VOICE OF IRAN IN PERSIAN	610
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF MOJAHED IN PERSIAN	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO IRAN IN PERSIAN	1,880
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF THE LIBERATION OF IRAN IN PERSIAN	3,050

IRAN

TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARABIC	17,130
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TURKISH	1,080
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN DARI	-0-
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN PASHTO	-0-
TABRIZ INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN AZERI	2,910
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	28,390
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN BAHDINANI KURDISH	-0-
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN PERSIAN	150
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH	-0-
AHVAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	2,430
BANDAR 'ABBAS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	460
BUSHEHR DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	1,200
ESFAHAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
MASHHAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
SHIRAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	100
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARMENIAN	-0-
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN AZERI	-0-
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	420
ZAHEDAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN IRNA IN ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN AL-SHAHID IN ARABIC	5,730
TEHRAN KEYHAN AL-'ARABI IN ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL IN ENGLISH	-0-

TEHRAN ETTELA'AT IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN KEYHAN IN PERSIAN	4,170
TEHRAN KEYHAN HAVA'I IN PERSIAN	-0-

IRAQ

BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	270
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-

KUWAIT

KUWAIT AL-ANBA' IN ARABIC	6,660
KUWAIT AL-HADAF IN ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT AL-QABAS IN ARABIC	4,970
KUWAIT AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM IN ARABIC	3,990
KUWAIT AL-SIYASAH IN ARABIC	2,490
KUWAIT AL-WATAN IN ARABIC	4,630
KUWAIT ARAB TIMES IN ENGLISH	7,460

OMAN

MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	5,080
SALALAH DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	1,220
MUSCAT 'UMAN IN ARABIC	500
MUSCAT 'UMMAN AL-USBU'I IN ARABIC	-0-
MUSCAT ONA IN ARABIC	3,180

PAKISTAN

ISLAMABAD THE MUSLIM IN ENGLISH	3,500
KARACHI DAWN IN ENGLISH	8,070
KARACHI JASARAT IN URDU	1,020
KARACHI MASHRIQ IN URDU	2,140

KARACHI NAWA-E WAQT IN URDU	3,900
LAHORE JANG IN URDU	1,920
RAWALPINDI HAIDAR IN URDU	1,480
RAWALPINDI PAKISTAN TIMES IN ENGLISH	810

QATAR

DOHA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	1,820
DOHA TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
DOHA QNA IN ARABIC	6,470

SAUDI ARABIA

JEDDAH DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	1,980
RIYADH DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	10,570
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	490
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH	-0-
RIYADH SPA IN ARABIC	11,130
AL-DAMMAM AL-YAWM IN ARABIC	750
JEDDAH AL-MADINAH IN ARABIC	-0-

SUDAN

OMDURMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
KHARTOUM SUNA IN ARABIC	7,980

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

MOSCOW IN PERSIAN TO IRAN	3,460
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN PERSIAN	600
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN AZERI	3,840
DUSHANBE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN UIGHUR	-0-
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN UZBEK	2,580
YEREVAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARMENIAN	-0-
ALMA-ATA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	190

ASHKABAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	1,520
ASHKABAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN TURKMEN	160
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN AZERI	6,460
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	-0-
DUSHANBE DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	2,240
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	-0-
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN UZBEK	13,560
YEREVAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARMENIAN	640
 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	
ABU DHABI DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	4,310
DUBAYY DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
ABU DHABI WAM	
IN ARABIC	5,670
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD	
IN ARABIC	3,450
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I	
IN ARABIC	5,330
AL-SHARIQAH AL-KHALIJ	
IN ARABIC	8,860
DUBAYY AL-BAYAN	
IN ARABIC	3,010
DUBAYY KHALEEJ TIMES	
IN ENGLISH	4,670
 UNITED KINGDOM	
LONDON AL-MAJALIS	
IN ARABIC	1,270
LONDON ASGHAR AQA	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
LONDON KEYHAN IN	
PERSIAN	6,940
 PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC	
OF YEMEN (PDRY)	
ADEN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	16,480
ADEN VOICE OF PALESTINE	
IN ARABIC	1,690
ADEN ANA IN	
ARABIC	-0-
ADEN ANA IN	
ENGLISH	-0-
 YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (YAR)	
SANA DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	10,910
SANA VOICE OF PALESTINE	
IN ARABIC	2,180
SANA AL-THAWRAH	
IN ARABIC	-0-